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Dear Ti Lamusse

Thank you for your email dated 30 June 2016, requesting information on placement reviews. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The Department of Corrections can clarify that all prisoners, whether on remand or convicted, can apply for a review of their initial determination of their placement, as per section 65b of the Corrections Regulations Act 2005 (the Act). However, for prisoners who are remanded in custody charged with, or awaiting sentence for, a serious sexual offence against a person of the prisoner's nominated sex, then such a review cannot take place. This is stipulated in section 65b(2)(b) of the Act.

I can confirm, as of 8 July 2016, there are four transgender people on remand in the prison system.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Department. Alternatively you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely

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